

## Britain's Generous Handling Of Crude Rubber Situation

Has Held Down Cost of Rubber Footwear  
While Prices of Other Necessities Soar

When, some twenty years ago, Great Britain began to establish great rubber plantations in her tropical Dominions, the outside world's industrial experts laughed in scorn. Were there not thousands of square miles of wild rubber trees in Brazil and elsewhere simply waiting to be tapped? Were not the marvellous chemists of Germany working diligently to devise a process for making synthetic rubber at a fraction of the cost of the natural article? Britain, they averred, was wasting time and money,

Six years ago the price of crude rubber jumped to \$3.00 a pound, because the 60,000 or 70,000 tons which seemed to be the limit of the forests fell far short of the enormously increasing demand—and the synthetic rubber promised by Germany failed to materialize. The 5,200 tons produced by the British plantations in 1910 was more than welcomed, and the scoffing ceased. By 1914 the plantations were producing nearly 100,000 tons, or 60% of the world's supply, and the price had been reduced to one-third of the 1910 figures. This year the plantations are contributing 150,000 tons—75% of the total production—and Britain holds a monopoly which has been of vital importance in the War.

Controlling the seas as well as the supply, the British Government has effectually cut off the Germans, while providing an abundance for the Allies. To neutrals, who might easily have been forced to pay any price, the monopoly has been truly a benevolent one, for so long as they resell none to the Germans, they get all the rubber they want at a lower price than before the war.

No nation, neutral or belligerent, benefits more generally from Britain's foresight and generosity in this matter than Canada. Besides the general use of the scores of rubber products, practically every Canadian uses rubber footwear more or less for at least six months of the year. Now that leather has gone up 80%, and shoes are costing two to five dollars a pair more than normal, the advantage of wearing rubbers and overshoes this winter is strongly emphasized. They cost so little compared to the shoes whose term of service they practically double, that it certainly is economy to wear them at every sign of bad weather. And there's another point, even more important:

The need for leather at the front is so great, and the scarcity so serious, that it is a patriotic duty to save it all we can by wearing rubbers and overshoes.

## PROBATE COURT

In the matter of the estate of Abraham J. Estabrook, letters of administration cum testamento annexo de bonis non have been granted to William G. Estabrook, L. P. D. Tilley, K. C., is proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Frank R. Fairweather, the will has been proved in common form, and letters testamentary granted to the widow, Ella Louise Fairweather, the sole executrix named therein. Horace A. Porter is proctor.

Application has been made to pass the accounts, and for an order of distribution in the estates of the late Robert Thomson and Louise Anne Thomson. A citation has been issued returnable on November 20 at 11 a. m. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., A. G., is proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Henrietta Vaughan, letters of administration have been granted to John R. Vaughan. W. A. Ross is proctor.

In the matter of Alfred E. Heans, an infant, an application was made by Cecilia Heans and Alfred E. Heans, that letters of guardianship be granted to Cecilia Heans. The application was granted. H. Lester Smith is proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Clara Jane Thornton, late of Scarborough, Maine, letters of administration with will annexed were granted to Mary Otis deForest. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford are proctors.

In the matter of the estate of Stanley K. L. Macdonald, letters of administration have been granted to Charles A. Macdonald, C. A. Macdonald is proctor.

In the matter of the estate of Christina Vanwart, letters of administration have been granted to Ella M. Fleetwood, Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford are proctors.

In the matter of the estate of Elizabeth Jane Rowe, the will has been proved and letters testamentary granted to Fanny M. Hay and George R. Ewing. Barnhill, Ewing & Sanford are proctors.

## MONTREAL MARKET ERRATIC YESTERDAY.

Montreal, Nov. 17.—Fluctuations today in the market were erratic, but firmness was generally shown in most issues. A buying movement started in Smelters, which carried the stock up to 41½, closing at 40½. There was a big demand for Steel at the opening, the first sale being at 82, an advance of two points over last night's close. It reacted, the last sale being at 80½. Dom. Iron was in good demand, closed firm at 75½ bid, the highest for the day being 76. Quebec was a point better at 48, and Steamships was strong at 37½. In the paper stocks, Rioron was firm at 149½, Wayagamack strong at 112, Spanish River sold up to 25, closing at 23½, and Price sold at a new high of 131. As has been the case the last few days, fluctuations in Scotia were erratic. It opened at 150, sold up to 154½, the last sale being at 150½. There seems to be some liquidation going on in Dom. Bridge. The stock broke to 200, Civic was steady at 82½.

## MORE WATER POWER FOR SHAWINIGAN.

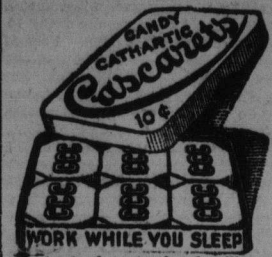
Montreal, Nov. 17.—J. E. Aldred, president of the Shawinigan Water and Power Company, who was in the city made the statement that the demands on the power resources of Shawinigan were so pressing that the chief problem in 1917 would be to take care of the requirements of their customers. Mr. Aldred attended a meeting of both Shawinigan and Laurentide Power boards yesterday at which arrangements were made whereby Shawinigan will take additional power from Laurentide considerably faster than was at first intended. Shawinigan has been taking 25,000 h. p. from Laurentide and in the natural course of the agreement would take an additional 15,000 h. p. on July 1, but this is now to be anticipated by more than half a year.

Cork, Nov. 16.—William O'Brien, leader of the O'Brien faction of the Irish parliamentary party, has met with a severe reverse in his own stronghold of Cork. D. O'Leary, Redmondite, has been elected member of the House of Commons from the west division of Cork County in succession to James P. Gilhooly, O'Brienite, deceased. O'Leary had a plurality of 117 votes over the number cast for Frank Healy, O'Brienite. The vote stood: O'Leary, 1,866; Healy, 1,749 and Dr. Shipsey, Independent, 368.

## BEST LIVER AND BOWEL LAXATIVE FOR FAMILY USE

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injury.

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for colds, bad breath,  
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London, Nov. 16.—The House of Commons, without division, today carried the resolution introduced yesterday by William A. S. Hewins, Unionist member for Hereford, prior to the statement on the question of food supply by Walter Runciman, president of

the board of trade. The resolution follows: "In the opinion of the house it is the duty of the government to adopt further methods of organization to increase and conserve the national food supply, and to diminish the risk of shortage and serious increase of prices in the event of the war being prolonged."

Berne, Switzerland, Nov. 16, via London, 3.25 p. m.—Henri Sienkiewicz, the Polish novelist, is dead. The announcement of his death came from a man named Rabinowitz, who is a member of the Polish committee at Lausanne, Switzerland. The message said the novelist died suddenly

in a hotel at Vevey yesterday. Born of a Lithuanian family at Okreza Podlaska, about 74 years ago, Sienkiewicz removed to Poland because of the Russian war and was educated at the University of Warsaw.

Paris, Nov. 16.—The minister of the interior, Louis Malvy, has instructed the prefects of every department in France to appeal, in co-operation with the mayors of the communes, to the people to reduce as far as possible the lighting of their homes and businesses establishments. Bills posted throughout Paris signed by the officials, invite every householder to restrict both heating and lighting.



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"The war is not won yet. Victory is within reach, but it is not yet within grasp. It is the last stride that wins the race. It is the last blow that wins the fight."

In these words of warning Professor Robert Law, Knox College, the father of three soldier sons, reminds his fellow Canadians that they have not yet done their full duty in defense of the British Empire and the freedom of life and liberty that great Empire represents.

And in the first firing line of the

Empire, right from the start of this great war, there is a branch of the service—the British Navy—in which it is hoped that Canadians will take an ever increasing interest and a practical part in filling the ranks.

Recruits are required, and urgently required, for the British Navy; and Canadians are invited to share in this splendid service to their king and country. The response should be prompt and plentiful. It is not necessary to remind the young men of Canada of the fact that the absolute su-

premacy of the British Navy is at all times essential to the safety and security of the Empire, and that Canada needs the protection of British battleships just as much as any other part of our world-wide Dominions. The recent activity of German submarines almost within sight of the shores of Nova Scotia should inspire Canadians to take a greater interest in the important work the Navy is doing in keeping the seas clear of the enemy.

## Bringing Up Father

